

### JAMES MILLS

Eleanor Reinhart and James Mills were married on December 18, 1905. Mills had always lived in New Brunswick, his mother and several brothers, including Henry Mills, lived there also. Charlotte, who was 16 in 1922, and Dan, who was 9 or 10 at that time, are the only children of Eleanor and James Mills. Eleanor's family were Germans who had lived in New Brunswick for years. She had several sisters and brothers living there. She seems to have been uncontrollable from youth and it is gossip that her marriage to Mills when she was only 16 was forced because of her pregnancy. She was fond of reading modern sex novels, was devoted in music, had fair taste and apparently enjoyed expressing her thoughts in writing. She rebelled against the poverty of the home which Mills provided for her and aspired to "higher things". The church of St. John the Evangelist absorbed her interest. She and Mrs. Minna Clark were the two most faithful voluntary workers at the church. She and her daughter Charlotte were intimates. Mills and Dan were more companionable. Husband and wife appear to have had incompatible temperaments and quarreled continuously. Eleanor was not strong physically and particularly after the operation in January, 1922, when she had a kidney removed, she suffered much from pain at intervals.

In 1922 James Mills was sexton of St. John the Evangelist and also the janitor of the nearby Lord Stirling High School, earning a total of \$125.00 or \$135.00 per month. He was a quiet, unassuming personality, content with his lot in life and scornful of the aspirations of his wife and daughter. Unless goaded beyond endurance, a harmless man, one whom people instinctively looked down on and pitied. He was the least worth while of his mother's children. Years before 1922 Mills had been a shoe cutter by trade, but the factory moved from New Brunswick and Mills then turned to odd jobs. He continued, however, to keep his shoe cutter's knife, a very sharp one, and repaired the family's shoes. This knife was never seen after the murders. (See Charlotte Mills' testimony, preliminary hearing, for hearsay testimony covering conversations between Charlotte and Mrs. Mills concerning Mrs. Hall)

In July 1922 Hall established a church camp near Point Pleasant, at which the following among others were present at one time or another:

Catherine Rastall  
Ruth Pennington  
Marion Clelland  
Mrs. Giple  
Lillian Van Dorn  
Mrs. Mina Turton  
Mrs. Hassel  
Mrs. Fulton

(For addresses see DeMartini's report of December 22, 1922.)